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NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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#17 Irish Open Four-Game Homestand Versus Ohio University And #18 Cornell

** Notre Dame gets 2006 season off to a fast start with wins at California (23-11) and at Stanford (12-11 in 3 ot).

** Crysti Foote is BIG EAST offensive player of the week with record-setting performance versus California.

2006 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE (2-0/0-0)

February

24 Fri. at California W, 23-11
26 Sun. at Stanford W, 12-11 (3 ot)

March

3 Thur. Ohio University 4:30 p.m.
5 Sun. #18 Cornell 12:00 noon
8 Wed. Lehigh 4:00 p.m.
12 Sun. James Madison 12:00 noon
16 Thur. vs. Loyola * - CSTV 7:00 p.m.
(at Wellington, Fla.)
18 Sun. at Northwestern 1:00 p.m. (CST)
25 Sat. Canisius 1:00 p.m.
31 Fri. at Connecticut * 1:00 p.m.

April

5 Wed. at Ohio State 4:00 p.m.
9 Sun. at Duke 1:00 p.m.
15 Sat. at Georgetown * 12:00 noon
23 Sun. at Rutgers * 12:00 noon
29 Sat. Syracuse * 1:00 p.m.

May

7 Sun. Vanderbilt 12:00 noon

* BIG EAST Conference Game.
Home game in **bold**
All times are local to game site.

2006 TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Tracy Coyne (Ohio University, 1983)
10th season at Notre Dame (74-60, .552)
Overall 19th season (186-86, .686)

Assistant Coaches

Alissa Moser (Notre Dame, 2002)
Second Season at Notre Dame
Kateri Linville (Delaware, 2003)
First Season at Notre Dame

Volunteer Assistant

Kathryn Lam (Notre Dame, 2002)
First Season

2006 Captains

Carol Dixon
Crysti Foote

Probable Starting Lineup

#1	Caitlin McKinney	A	So.
#3	Kristin Hopson	D	Jr.
#4	Jill Byers	A	Fr.
#5	Meghan Murphy	A	Jr.
#9	Kerry Van Shura	D	Sr.
#10	Alicia Billings	M/D	Fr.
#14	Mary Carpenter	M	So.
#16	Becky Ranck	M/D	So.
#18	Crysti Foote	M	Sr.
#23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	Jr.
#31	Kaki Orr	M	Jr.
#34	Carol Dixon	GK	Gr.

• **The Game:** #17 Notre Dame (2-0/0-0) vs. Ohio University (1-2/0-0)
• **Date/Site/Time:** Thur., March 2, 2006 - 4:30 p.m. - Loftus Center - Notre Dame, Ind.

• **The Game:** #17 Notre Dame (2-0/0-0) vs. #18 Cornell (1-0/0-0)
• **Date/Site/Time:** Sun., March 5, 2006 - 12:00 noon - Loftus Center - Notre Dame, Ind.

IRISH OPEN HOME SCHEDULE VERSUS OHIO UNIVERSITY: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team returns to action on Thursday, March 2 in their home opener when the Irish play host to the Ohio University Bobcats. Game time at the Loftus Center is set for 4:30 p.m. For the Irish, the contest with Ohio is the first of four straight home games after starting the season on the road with wins at California and Stanford. The Irish will face their first-ranked team of the season on Sunday when they play host to No. 18 (IWLCA coaches' poll) Cornell at the Loftus Center. That game will start at 12:00 noon. Ohio visits Notre Dame fresh off its first win of the season, a 16-4 home win over Howard University. The Bobcats are 1-2 on the season. Cornell won its season opener on Wed., March 1, a 15-8 win over Colgate. Notre Dame comes into the week with a 2-0 record and is ranked 17th in the IWLCA poll.

IRISH VERSUS OHIO: Notre Dame and Ohio University have met six times in the all-time series with the Irish winning all six contests. Notre Dame is 3-0 at home against the Bobcats and 3-0 on the road at Athens, Ohio. The Irish opened the 2005 season at Ohio and took a 16-10 win. **Crysti Foote (Sr., Suffern, N.Y.)** led the way with five goals and three assists for eight points in that game. **Meghan Murphy (Jr., Centennial, Colo.)** and **Caitlin McKinney (So., Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** each scored four goals in the game. McKinney's four goals set an Irish freshman record for most goals by a player in her first game.

NOTRE DAME VERSUS CORNELL: The Irish and the Big Red have met four times in the series with Cornell holding a 3-1 edge in the games played. The Irish are 0-2 in Ithaca, N.Y. and 1-1 in South Bend versus the Big Red. Notre Dame's lone win came on March 7, 2004, a 20-7 victory at the Loftus Center. Last season, the Irish dropped an 11-8 game at Cornell on March 6. **Kaki Orr (Jr., Darien, Conn.)** led the Irish with two goals and **Mary McGrath** and **Lena Zentgraf (Sr., Charlottesville, Va.)** each had a goal and an assist in the loss. **Carol Dixon (Sr., Pennsauken, N.J.)** made nine saves.

HEAD COACH TRACY COYNE: Notre Dame head coach **Tracy Coyne** is in her 10th season as the head coach of the Irish and is the only coach in the program's Division I history. Coyne owns a 74-60 (.552) record at Notre Dame and is 188-86 (.686) in her 19-year coaching career. Last season, Coyne's squad was 3-12 on the year and 1-4 in BIG EAST play. The Irish lost seven games by three goals or less, including four, one-goal decisions. The year before, 2004, Coyne led the Irish to a 12-5 overall record and second place in the BIG EAST with a 4-2 record. She was selected the 2004 BIG EAST coach of the year. Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second time in the program's history, dropping a 10-8 decision at Northwestern. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. A 1983 graduate of Ohio University, Coyne has coached on the international level as the head coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team since 1999. Last year, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 6-0 all-time versus her alma mater and 1-3 against Cornell.

BIG EAST OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Senior captain **Crysti Foote** was named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week for her play in Notre Dame's two wins in California on the opening weekend. Foote scored 12 goals and added three assists for 15 points in the two contests. In the 23-11 win over California, Foote set a Notre Dame single-game record with nine goals and 11 points. The previous record for goals in a game was seven and the school's previous point mark was nine. She followed that performance with three goals and one assist in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 12-11 overtime win versus Stanford.

NOT A BAD START: Freshman **Jill Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** was selected by *womenslacrosse.com* as both that website's player of the week and rookie of the week for Feb. 26. Byers scored five goals in each game versus California and Stanford and added three assists for 13 points on the weekend. She scored the game-tying goal with 4:49 left in regulation and then the game-winning goal versus Stanford at 1:24 of the third overtime period.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN: Notre Dame scored 23 goals in its season opener at California on Feb. 24, downing the Bears by a 23-11 margin. Senior **Crysti Foote** led the way with nine goals and two assists for an 11-point afternoon. Freshman **Jill Byers** set a freshman mark with five goals and two assists for seven points in her first collegiate game. **Caitlin McKinney** had three goals and three assists for six points. **Kaki Orr** added two goals while **Meghan Murphy, Alicia Billings (Fr., Potomac, Md.), Heather Ferguson (So., Newtown Square, Pa.)** and **Jane Stoeckert (Fr., Mendham, N.J.)** each had one goal. Carol Dixon made six saves in the win.

NAILBITER: The Irish closed out their weekend in California with a come-from-behind, 12-11, triple-overtime thriller versus Stanford. The Cardinal twice built five-goal leads (5-0 and 9-4) only to see the Irish roar back. **Jill Byers** paced the attack with five goals and an assist. Among her five goals were the game-tying tally in regulation to make it 9-9 and the game winner at 1:24 of sudden-death overtime. **Crysti Foote** had three goals and an assist in the game while **Caitlin McKinney** added two goals and three helpers. **Meghan Murphy** added one as did **Mary Carpenter (So., Rochester, N.Y.)**. Carpenter's goal tied the game at 11-11 with 12 seconds left in the second overtime. **Carol Dixon** equaled a career high with 15 saves in the game.

IRISH GOAL MARK: Notre Dame's 23-goal outburst versus California on Feb. 24, set a school record for goals in a game for the Irish. The previous mark was 22 and was done twice in the past. On March 10, 2000, the Irish scored 22 goals in a 22-3 home win versus Ohio University. They followed that with a 22-11 win on May 1, 2003 at Vanderbilt.

TERRIFIC TRIUMVIRATE: Notre Dame's high-scoring trio of **Crysti Foote, Jill Byers** and **Caitlin McKinney** got the 2006 season off to a fast start versus California and Stanford. The trio combined for 27 goals and 12 assists for 39 points on the weekend. Foote had 12 goals and three assists for 15 points. Byers, playing in her first two collegiate games had 10 goals and three assists for 13 points and McKinney had five goals and six assists for 11 points in the two games. Foote picked up the game-winning goal versus California and Byers had the sudden-death game winner against Stanford.

2006 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt. ... 2005 stats)

Carol Dixon (Gr., GK, 3-12, 11.04, .447) Team captain; all-BIG EAST candidate; backbone of Irish defense
 Crysti Foote (Sr., M/A, 34-16-50, 15 GP) Top returning scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate
 Brittany Fox (Sr., A, 18-5-23, 14 GP) Quality reserve who comes through in the clutch off the bench
 Kerry Van Shura (Sr., D, 2-0-2, 15 GP) Lone senior on defense; big-play defender with good speed
 Lena Zentgraf (Sr., M/D, 11-8-19, 15 GP) Outstanding all-around athlete who returns to lineup in 2006
 Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 164GP) Top match-up defender for the Irish; all-BIG EAST candidate in 2006
 Kristin Hopson (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) Quick, physical defender who will move into a starting role in 2006
 Megan Murphy (Jr., A, 6-1-7, 3 GP) Making comeback from knee injury; smart, intelligent playmaker
 Kaki Orr (Jr., M, 11-1-12, 15 GP) Fast, physical midfielder who provides energy to the ND lineup
 Mary Carpenter (So., M, 6-3-9, 15 GP) Quick, hard-working midfielder who should be a key contributor
 Heather Ferguson (So., A, 4-5-9, 15 GP) Talented attack player who will push for more playing time in 2006
 Caitlin McKinney (So., M/A, 28-12-40, 15 GP) ... Speedy scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate
 Becky Ranck (So., D, 0-0-0, 11 GP) Big, physical defender; will be a major contributor on Irish backline

Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2005 stats)

Jackie Bowers (Sr., A, 10-9-19, 15 GP) Three-year monogram winner; 27g-21a-48 pts in 42 GP
 Maura Costello (Sr., M/D, 0-0-0, 3 GP) Reserve midfielder
 Bridget Higgins (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) Fifth-year defender; three-time monogram winner
 Mary McGrath (Jr., A, 7-4-11, 11 GP) Three-time monogram winner; scored 27g-13a-40 pts in 42 GP
 Jess Mikula (Sr., D, 1-1-2, 15 GP) Team captain; two-time all-BIG EAST selection on defense
 Lindsay Shaffer (Sr., M/D, 7-1-8, 15 GP) Team captain; solid defensive midfielder; won two monograms

Top Newcomers (all freshmen)

Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country School
Jill Byers	M/A	5-7	Northport, NY/Northport
Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Academy
Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Phoenix, AZ/Notre Dame Prep
Annemarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Wayne, PA/Radnor
Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
Mary Veith	A	5-7	Silver Springs, MD/Georgetown Visitation

CLIMBING THE CHARTS: With 12 goals on the opening weekend, senior **Crysti Foote** now has 99 for her career. One more goal will make her just the fourth player in the 10-year history of the program to score 100 goals in her career. She is currently fourth in goals (99), fifth in assists (39) and fifth in points (138) in her Notre Dame career.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: Notre Dame's freshman class had a strong opening weekend. **Jill Byers** led the way with five goals in each game. Her five goal-two assist game set Notre Dame marks for goals and points by a freshman in their first game with the Irish. **Jane Stoeckert** had a goal and an assist with the assist coming on Byers' game-winning goal in overtime versus Stanford. **Alicia Billings** also scored her first career goal in the win over California.

THE CAPTAINS: Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon (Pennsauken, N.J.)** and senior **Crysti Foote** were named team captains by coach **Tracy Coyne** prior to the start of the season in California. For Dixon, it marks the second year that she has served as one of Notre Dame's team captains. For Foote, it's her first season in that leadership role.

FOR OPENERS: Notre Dame is now 8-2 all-time in season openers after defeating California on Feb. 24. The Irish are 8-2 in road openers and 5-4 in home openers after the dropping last season's home opener to Northwestern.

BEST IN THE NATION: Notre Dame's freshman class has been rated No. 1 in the nation by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine in its November, 2005 issue. The story had this to say about the 10-player class: "Coming off a disappointing 3-12 season, the Fighting Irish have high hopes for 2006 with **Jill Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** leading a powerful class that includes immediate contributors **Jane Stoeckert (Mendham, N.J.), Mary Veith (Silver Springs, Md.)** and **Alicia Billings (Potomac, Md.)**. Goalie **Erin Goodman (Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.)** adds strength for the future." As part of the story, the magazine's list of "Blue Chip" recruits listed Jill Byers and Jane Stoeckert among its top 10 incoming freshmen.

The top 10 classes were: **1. Notre Dame;** 2. Princeton; 3. Penn State; 4. Duke; 5. Virginia; 6. Northwestern; 7. Maryland; 8. North Carolina; 9. Georgetown; 10. James Madison.

OVERTIME NUMBERS: The Irish wasted little time this season in getting an overtime game under their belt. In this the 10th season of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, the Irish played their 10th overtime game on Feb. 26, a 12-11 triple overtime game at Stanford. The win improves the Irish to 4-6 all-time in overtime. Last season, they were 0-2 with a pair of 10-9 losses to Vanderbilt and Boston College. Five of the 10 overtime contests have ended with 10-9 scores.

NEW FACES: Head coach **Tracy Coyne** has two additions to her coaching staff for the 2006 season. **Kateri Linville** joins the Irish staff as assistant coach after two years as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Virginia where she pursued a masters degree in sports psychology. During her two years at Virginia, the Cavaliers won a national title in 2004 and advanced to the title game in 2005. A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville will work with the defense at Notre Dame. Also joining the Irish staff as a volunteer assistant is former Irish All-American **Kathryn Lam ('02)**. Lam will work with the defense while she is working on here MBA at Notre Dame.

PRESEASON HONORS: Three Notre Dame players were selected by the BIG EAST coaches as preseason all-BIG EAST team members. Making the list were seniors **Crysti Foote** and **Lena Zentgraf (Charlottesville, Va.)** and sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)**. Foote and McKinney were unanimous choices. All three were all-BIG EAST selections in 2005. Foote was a first-team choice after scoring 34 goals with 16 assists for 50 points, finishing sixth in overall scoring in the conference. Zentgraf had a break out season for the Irish in 2005. She finished fourth in team scoring with 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points. She also added 27 ground balls (tied for fourth), 12 draw controls and 12 caused turnovers on the year. McKinney was the lone freshman selected to either of the BIG EAST all-star teams and the first Notre Dame freshman ever selected all-BIG EAST. She joined the Irish starting lineup in game one and went on to score 26 goals with 14 assists for 40 points to rank 11th among BIG EAST scorers.

ALL-AMERICANS: Senior captain **Crysti Foote** was Notre Dame's lone All-American in 2005 taking third-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) honors. Foote led the Irish in scoring with 34 goals and 16 assists for 50 points. She became the seventh player in the program's history to be named All-American. The list includes:

- 2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)
 - 2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)
 - 2004 - Abby Owen (third team)
 - 2003 - Jen White (third team)
 - 2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)
 - 2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)
- Simon, Kinnik, Owen, Lam and Shearer (twice) also have been named to the Inside Lacrosse All-American team while Simon and Kinnik (twice) have taken womenslacrosse.com honors in the past.

2006 BIG EAST Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Preseason Poll

No.	Team (First-place votes)	BE Record/Overall	Points
1.	Georgetown (5)	5-0/13-5	25
2.	Syracuse (1)	4-1/12-5	20
3.	Loyola (Md.)	--/5-11	17
4.	Notre Dame	1-4/3-12	10
	Connecticut	3-2/12-5	10
6.	Rutgers	1-4/6-10	8

2006 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Susie Breaznell (Boston College)	Sr.	A
Carley St. Lucia (Boston College)	Sr.	M*
Tracy Mullaney (Connecticut)	Sr.	A*
Chloe Asselin, Georgetown *	Jr.	Defense
Katie Batiuk, Rutgers	So.	Midfield
Shannon Burke, Connecticut *	Jr.	Midfield
Jill DePetris, Syracuse	Jr.	Defense
Caitlyn Dragon, Syracuse *	Sr.	Attack
Crysti Foote, Notre Dame *	Sr.	Midfield/Attack
Sydney Greene, Loyola	Sr.	Attack
Anne Marchitello, Rutgers	Jr.	Midfield
Katie McHarg, Loyola *	So.	Attack
Caitlin McKinney, Notre Dame *	So.	Midfield/Attack
Meghan O'Connell, Syracuse	Sr.	Midfield
Coco Stanwick, Georgetown *	Jr.	Attack
Lena Zentgraf, Notre Dame	Sr.	Midfield
Stephanie Zodtner, Georgetown	Sr.	Defense

* - unanimous selection

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Coco Stanwick (Georgetown)	Jr.	Attack
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Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Chloe Asselin (Georgetown)	Jr.	Defense
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SISTERACTS: Notre Dame has seven sets of sisters in the program's history and has an eighth on the way next season. Currently, the Irish have three sets of sisters on this year's team. Heading the group are twin sisters, sophomores **Heather** and **Lindsey Ferguson (Newtown Square, Pa.)**. They are joined by senior **Crysti Foote** and sophomore **Julie Foote** and senior **Meghan deMello** and her sister freshman, **Lauren**. Three other members of this year's team have had sisters play at Notre Dame. Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** played two seasons ('01-'03) with her sister, **Angela ('03)**. Freshmen **Annemarie McGrath (Radnor, Pa.)** and **Kelly Gaudreau (Annapolis, Md.)** were preceded by sisters **Mary McGrath ('06)** and **Kristen Gaudreau ('04)**. Gaudreau also served as a volunteer assistant coach in 2005. Joining the sister act next season will be the Zentgrafs. **Lena Zentgraf**, currently a senior at Notre Dame with one more year of eligibility, could see action with her sister, **Maggie Zentgraf**, who signed a national letter-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2006. The sisters that started the tradition are **Amy ('98)** and **Mara ('98) Grace**. They each played in the first two seasons of the program.

CLOSE ONES: In a 2005 season the Irish would like to forget, Notre Dame lost seven games by a total of three goals or fewer. Four of those games were one-goal losses and two came in overtime. Notre Dame lost a pair of 10-9 overtime games at Vanderbilt and Boston College. The third 10-9 loss came at Johns Hopkins where the Jays scored with three seconds left. The fourth one-goal loss was by a 6-5 margin to Stanford. Three of the team's other losses came by three goals - 11-8 at Cornell, 13-10 to Connecticut and 11-8 to Duke. In seven of the 12 losses, the Irish lost by a combined 13 goals (1.86 goals per game) and in the 12 losses for the season, they were out scored by a total of 42 goals (3.50 per loss).

SLAMMING THE DOOR: Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** took over as Notre Dame's top goalkeeper in 2004 and has now started 34 consecutive games between the pipes for the Irish. In those 34 games, she has ver the last two seasons, she has played 2,052:04 of a possible 2,065:24 minutes, missing just 13:20 of playing time. Last season, Dixon was 3-12 with an 11.04 goals-against average and a .447 save percentage. For her career, Dixon has played in 39 games and is 17-17 with a 9.89 goals-against average and a .480 save percentage. Last season, she led the team with 38 ground balls and added eight caused turnovers.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE - The Ohio University and Cornell Games - March 2 and 5, 2006

2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Caitlin McKinney	M/A	5-1	So.	1-29-85	Lafayette Hill, PA/Germantown Acad.
2	Brittany Fox	A	5-7	Sr.	9-22-84	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
3	Kristin Hopson	D	5-8	Jr.	9-10-84	Rosemont, PA/Radnor
4	Jill Byers	M/A	5-7	Fr.	8-3-87	Northport, NY/Northport
5	Meghan Murphy	A	5-6	Jr.	7-6-84	Centennial, CO/Cherry Creek
6	Heather Ferguson	A	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
7	Lindsey Ferguson	M/D	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
8	Lena Zentgraf	M	5-4	Sr.	5-7-84	Charlottesville, VA/Charlottesville
9	Kerry Van Shura	D	5-6	Sr.	9-24-84	Bel Air, MD/John Carroll
10	Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Fr.	11-17-86	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
11	Caitlin Lucas	M/A	5-8	So.	1-5-86	Baldwin, NY/Oceanside
12	Katie Killeen	D	5-4	Sr.	7-15-84	Manhasset, NY/Manhasset
13	Julie Foote	A	5-6	So.	7-14-86	Suffern, NY/Suffern
14	Mary Carpenter	M	5-6	So.	11-8-85	Rochester, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
15	Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Fr.	8-5-87	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
16	Becky Ranck	D	5-8	So.	3-25-86	Radnor, PA/Radnor
17	Meghan deMello	D	5-5	Sr.	7-19-84	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
18	Crysti Foote "C"	M/A	5-6	Sr.	4-17-84	Suffern, NY/Suffern
19	Annamarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Fr.	11-20-86	Wayne, PA/Radnor
20	Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Fr.	11-15-87	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
21	Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Fr.	3-22-87	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country Sc
22	Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Fr.	3-21-87	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	5-8	Jr.	2-9-85	Farmingdale, NY/St. Anthony's
24	Mary Veith	A	5-7	Fr.	6-8-87	Silver Springs, MD/Georgetown Visitation
27	Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Fr.	2-26-87	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
31	Kaki Orr	M	5-6	Jr.	3-29-85	Darien, CT/Choate Rosemary Hall
33	Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Fr.	11-15-87	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
34	Carol Dixon "C"	GK	5-8	Gr.	12-27-82	Pennsauken, NJ/Moorestown Friends

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Alissa Moser (Notre Dame '02) and Kateri Linville (Delaware '03)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kathryn Lam (Notre Dame '02)

"C" - denotes captain

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** burst on the scene in 2005 as a freshman at Notre Dame and turned in one of the best seasons ever by an Irish rookie. McKinney started the year with four goals (the most ever by an Irish freshman in her first game) against Ohio University and never looked back on her way to 28 goals and 12 assists for 40 points. That point total put her one off the Notre Dame freshman record for points in a season that is held by Lael O'Shaughnessy (27g, 14a) and Courtney Calabrese (38g, 3a) as both scored 41 points in their first year at Notre Dame in 1998, the second year of the program. McKinney was a second team all-BIG EAST selection, the lone freshman on that team, and was a second-team all-Mid-Atlantic region choice. Following the season, the speedster was named to the U.S. National Developmental Team.

STREAKING IRISH: Four Notre Dame players finished the 2005 season on scoring streaks. Senior **Crysti Foote** ended the year on a 10-game point streak with 26 goals and 12 assists for 28 points ... sophomore **Caitlin McKinney** had points in her final three games of the year (8-1-9) and scored points in 14 of 15 games on the season (28-12-40) ... sophomore **Mary Carpenter (Rochester, N.Y.)** finished with points in three straight games (3-1-4). Senior **Brittany Fox** had points in 12 of her final 13 games (18-

5-23), having a 12-game streak stopped in the final game of the season.

WELCOME BACK: Junior **Meghan Murphy (Centennial, Colo.)** is expected to return to action on attack for the Irish in the season opener versus California. Murphy injured her right knee in the third game last season at Cornell and was lost for the season due to knee surgery. Murphy had six goals and one assist for seven points in the three games that she did play.

SECRET WEAPON: Senior attack **Brittany Fox** proved to be one of Notre Dame's top weapons off the bench in 2005. In 10 games off the bench, Fox had 15 goals and four assists for 19 points. In three games as a starter, she had three goals and one assist. She finished the year ranked third in scoring with 18 goals and five assists for 23 points. Included are two three-point games and a pair of games with three goals and one assist.

LOW-SCORING AFFAIR: When Notre Dame and Stanford combined for 11 goals in their April 10th game, it tied the Irish record for fewest goals combined in a game. On April 28, 2002, the Irish combined with Rutgers to score 11 goals (a 9-2 Notre Dame win).

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Syracuse	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Georgetown	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Rutgers	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Connecticut	0-0	.000	0-1	.000

2006 IWLCA RANKINGS (Feb. 28)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week
1.	Northwestern (15)	300	1
2.	Duke	285	2
3.	Dartmouth	252	3
	Princeton	252	4
5.	North Carolina	248	6
6.	Maryland	223	9
7.	Virginia	210	5
8.	Johns Hopkins	191	7
9.	Boston University	188	8
10.	Penn State	166	11
11.	Georgetown	144	10
12.	Vanderbilt	133	15
13.	Syracuse	123	13
14.	Loyola (Md.)	101	14
15.	Towson	99	12
16.	Hofstra	64	16
17.	Notre Dame	58	t18
18.	Cornell	35	t18
19.	James Madison	29	17
20.	Temple	15	NR

Receiving Votes: Pennsylvania, Richmond, Stanford, Yale.

Teams in **bold** on 2006 Notre Dame schedule.

2006 Lacrosse Magazine Poll (February 27)

No.	Team	Points
1.	Northwestern	318
2.	Duke	306
3.	Princeton	268
4.	North Carolina	263
5.	Maryland	242
6.	Johns Hopkins	235
7.	Virginia	229
8.	Dartmouth	223
9.	Boston University	202
10.	Penn State	175
11.	Loyola (Md.)	157
12.	Georgetown	154
13.	Vanderbilt	123
14.	Syracuse	104
15.	Towson	99
16.	Cornell	94
17.	James Madison	33
18.	Notre Dame	32
19.	Temple	26
20.	Pennsylvania	25

Others receiving votes: Hofstra, 22; Richmond, 22; **California, 12**; Colgate, 4; Delaware, 4; George Washington, 3.

Teams in **bold** on 2006 Notre Dame schedule

2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse
 Notre Dame Lacrosse Statistics
 All games

Overall: 2-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 0-0-0 Away: 2-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

##	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	FPG-FPS	GB	DC	T/O	CT	Fouls	RC	YC	GC
18	FOOTE, Crysti	2-2	12	3	15	23	.522	22	.957	1	2-4	2	5	4	1	6	0	0	0
4	BYERS, Jill	2-2	10	3	13	19	.526	17	.895	1	0-0	2	5	7	0	4	0	1	0
1	McKINNEY, Caitlin	2-2	5	6	11	12	.417	9	.750	0	0-1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
14	CARPENTER, Mary	2-2	1	2	3	4	.250	4	1.000	0	0-1	5	5	0	1	6	0	0	0
31	ORR, Kaki	2-2	2	0	2	4	.500	4	1.000	0	0-1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0	0
5	MURPHY, Meghan	2-2	2	0	2	3	.667	3	1.000	0	0-0	0	4	4	0	2	0	0	0
2	FOX, Brittany	1-0	0	2	2	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
27	STOECKERT, Jane	2-0	1	0	1	4	.250	3	.750	0	0-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	BILLINGS, Alicia	2-2	1	0	1	3	.333	2	.667	0	0-0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
6	FERGUSON, Heather	2-0	1	0	1	2	.500	1	.500	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
23	FITZPATRICK, Meaghan	2-2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	2	1	1	2	8	0	0	0
34	DIXON, Carol	2-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
21	BURKE, Shannon	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
20	GAUDREAU, Kelly	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	RANCK, Becky	2-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	3	2	1	3	4	0	0	0
12	KILLEN, Katie	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	VAN SHURA, Kerry	2-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	0
3	HOPSON, Kristin	2-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	2	3	0	3	4	0	0	0
Total.....		2	35	16	51	75	.467	65	.867	2	2-8	32	34	26	12	53	0	1	0
Opponents.....		2	22	5	27	55	.400	43	.782	0	7-17	30	28	36	16	51	1	5	0

##	Name	GP-GS	-GOAL AVERAGE-			-SAVES-		-RECORD-			Shots	
			Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Faced	
34	DIXON, Carol	2-2	127:34	22	10.35	21	.488	2	0	0	55	
Total.....		2	127:34	22	10.35	21	.488	2	0	0	55	
Opponents.....		2	127:34	35	16.46	30	.462	0	2	0	75	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	13	19	1	1	1	35
Opponents.....	11	9	1	1	0	22

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	31	36	2	3	3	75
Opponents.....	30	22	2	1	0	55

SHOTS ON GOAL BY PRD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	27	33	1	2	2	65
Opponents.....	23	17	2	1	0	43

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	12	8	1	0	0	21
Opponents.....	14	14	0	1	1	30

CLEARs: Notre Dame 22-24 .917, Opponents 23-23 1.000.